

Immigration Today: Facts and Fictions

Materials

- Writing Materials
- "[Ten Myths About Immigration](#)" (reading – hold CTRL and click the link)

Directions

- Consider the following myths about immigrants that exist in the U.S. today;
 1. Most immigrants are here illegally.
 2. It's easy to enter the country legally. My ancestor did; why can't immigrants do so today?
 3. Today's immigrants don't want to learn English.
 4. Immigrants take good jobs from U.S. citizens.
 5. "The worst" people from other countries are coming to the United States and bringing crime and violence.
 6. Undocumented immigrants don't pay taxes and burden the national economy.
 7. The United States is being overrun by immigrants like never before.
 8. We can stop undocumented immigrants coming to the United States by building a wall along the border with Mexico.
 9. Banning immigrants and refugees from majority-Muslim countries will protect the United States from terrorists.
 10. Refugees are not screened before entering the United States.
- Select one of the ten myths that you want to discuss
- Hypothesize why the myth you selected is not accurate. Complete the following information for your myth:
 - Where do you think this myth comes from?
 - Who benefits from this myth?
 - Why is the myth untrue?
- Read the facts about your specific myth in "[Ten Myths About Immigration](#)."
- Write down if your hypothesis was supported by the information provided in the article. **Why or why not?** Provide **two specific pieces of evidence** to support your claim.

Extra Credit:

Do Something

- Brainstorm an “Immigrant’s Bill of Rights” that outlines how people new to the United States should be welcomed and treated.
- Draw from the experience of your family, friends, and what you read in creating the list.
- I will select the best responses to create posters for our school/community.

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